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1. The new nitrogen plant in Rustavi (42°17' N/43°51' E), Georgian S.S.R., was northeast of the metallurgical plant, about 300 meters north of the Eastern Railroad Station. Its construction was started in May 1949. The PT labor detail attached to the plant was called up under the name of "nitrogen plant". The plant covered an area of about 1,000x300 meters and was bordered to the south by a brick wall which was later to be extended as far as the metallurgical plant. In addition to an administration building and several workshops three buildings had been completed. Along the northern side of the plant was a spur track, which was not yet connected to the railroad line. *
 2. Until August 1949 about 90 PTs had done construction work at the plant, but after this month the number of PTs employed there rose to 200. [redacted] on 20 December 1949 that the construction work was interrupted because of a shortage of labor. A spur track which, however, was not yet connected to the railroad line ran along the northern side of the plant.
 3. [redacted] the construction of the plant was started in late 1948. A two-story administration building and a two-story brick building 10x15 meters square were completed. The framework of another building was completed and excavation work for two more buildings was started in April 1949. **
 4. The new nitrogen plant was to be included in the Rustavi industrial area around which a large wall was being built. A spur track to the Baku-Tbilisi (Tiflis) railroad line was completed in May 1949. [redacted] the plant was scheduled to be completed by 1953. Since machinery had not yet arrived it was not quite sure whether the plant was actually to be a nitrogen plant.
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5. [redacted] the installation was a German plant dismantled by the Soviets. It was to be reconstructed according to German plans. A wall around the plant area was built first. Four shed-like single-story buildings, 150x30 meters each, were completed with flat gable roofs. [redacted] installed in the plant two large German boilers with a capacity of 200 cubic meters each. ***

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A nitrogen plant allegedly under construction was mentioned previously. The previous report and the present one agree in general on the location of the plant. The present report does not indicate definitely the purpose and layout of the plant under construction. There is a possibility that it forms part of the large metallurgical plant. Some of the information on the layout of the plant is contradictory, so that further information is required for a clear picture of this installation.

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